

CLAIMS

1. A sealing arrangement including a body; first support means associated with the body and being adapted to support a supply of adhesive sealing tape; second support means associated with the
5 body and being adapted to support a supply of an intermediate strip; and feeding means being adapted, during use, to feed the intermediate strip for adhesion to the sealing tape whereafter the sealing tape is adapted to be attached to an object such as a container, so that the intermediate strip is sealed between the
10 sealing tape and the container.
2. A sealing arrangement as claimed in claim 1, in which the intermediate strip is selected from a group of a yarn, filament, twine, tape, magnetic tape, telex tape, paper, any other natural fibre and any other synthetic fibre.
- 15 3. A sealing arrangement as claimed in claim 1 or 2, in which the intermediate strip is at least partially stained to a desired colour after removal from the second support means and prior to adhesion to the sealing tape.
4. A sealing arrangement as claimed in any one of the preceding
20 claims, in which the intermediate strip is linear, non-linear, curved, irregularly shaped or has a zigzag appearance.
5. A sealing arrangement as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, in which the intermediate strip has patterned edge formations or serrated edges.
- 25 6. A sealing arrangement as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, which includes a printing unit being adapted to apply information to the intermediate strip prior to the intermediate strip being adhered to the sealing tape.

7. A sealing arrangement as claimed in claim 6, in which the printing unit is adapted to apply the information to the intermediate strip only while the intermediate strip is moving through the printing unit.
8. A sealing arrangement as claimed in claim 6 or 7, in which the printing unit includes a receiver unit being adapted to receive alternate information for being applied to the intermediate strip.
9. A sealing arrangement as claimed in claim 8, in which the receiver unit is a radio receiver unit.
10. A sealing arrangement as claimed in any one of claims 6 to 9, in which the printing unit is an impact printer, an inkjet printer or a laser printer.
11. A sealing arrangement as claimed in any one of claims 6 to 10, in which the information is printed matter.
12. A sealing arrangement as claimed in claim 11, in which the printed matter is a bar code, words or a company logo and is encoded.
13. A sealing arrangement as claimed in any one of claims 6 to 9, in which the printing unit is a recorder being adapted to record the information onto a magnetic tape.
14. A sealing arrangement as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, in which the first support means is a shaft being adapted to rotatably support a reel of the sealing tape.
15. A sealing arrangement as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, in which the second support means is a shaft being adapted to rotatably support a reel of the intermediate strip.
16. A method of sealing a container including the steps of adhering an intermediate strip to an adhesive sealing tape so that the

intermediate strip is at least partially visible through the sealing tape; and of attaching the sealing tape to an object such as a container to seal the container with the intermediate strip being located between the container and the sealing tape.

- 5 17. A method as claimed in claim 16, which includes the step of applying information to the intermediate strip prior to the intermediate strip being adhered to the sealing tape so that the information is visible through the sealing tape.
- 10 18. A method as claimed in claim 17, in which the information is a bar code, words or a company logo and is encoded.
19. A method as claimed in claim 17 or 18, in which the information is altered or changed at random intervals.
- 15 20. A sealing tape for sealing a container, including an adhesive tape, wherein a first part of the adhesive tape is transparent and a second part of the adhesive tape is provided with markings.
21. A sealing tape as claimed in claim 20, in which the first part is a narrow strip extending substantially along the centre of the adhesive tape.
- 20 22. A sealing tape as claimed in claim 21, in which the first part has a width being about $1/6^{\text{th}}$ of the width of the adhesive tape.
23. A sealing tape as claimed in claim 21 or 22, in which the first part is continuous.
24. A sealing tape as claimed in claim 21 or 22, in which the first part is provided in discrete sections.
- 25 25. A sealing tape as claimed in any one of claims 20 to 24, in which the markings are non-transparent.

26. A sealing tape as claimed in any one of claims 20 to 25, in which the markings are in the pattern of chevrons.
27. A sealing tape as claimed in any one of claims 20 to 26, which is adapted to receive and adhere to an intermediate strip to be fixedly
5 located between the adhesive tape and a container when the adhesive tape is adhered to a container.
28. A sealing tape as claimed claim 27, in which the intermediate strip is adapted to be aligned with the first part so that the intermediate strip is visible though the adhesive tape.
- 10 29. A sealing tape as claimed in claim 27 or 28, in which the intermediate strip is a printing tape made of paper.
30. A sealing tape as claimed in any one of claims 27 to 29, in which information is adapted to be printed on the intermediate strip prior to the intermediate strip being adhered to the adhesive tape.
- 15 31. A sealing tape as claimed in claim 30, in which the information is encoded matter, bar codes, words or a company logo.
32. A sealing tape as claimed in any one of claims 27 to 31, in which the intermediate strip is linear, non-linear, curved, irregularly shaped or has a zigzag appearance.
- 20 33. A sealing tape as claimed in any one of claims 27 to 32, in which the intermediate strip has patterned edge formations or serrated edges.
34. A sealing tape as claimed in any one of claims 20 to 33 for use with a sealing arrangement as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 15.
- 25 35. A sealing arrangement substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to and as illustrated in the accompanying schematic drawings.

36. A method of sealing a container substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to and as illustrated in the accompanying schematic drawings.

37. A sealing tape substantially as hereinbefore described with reference
5 to and as illustrated in the accompanying schematic drawings.